

**AMENDMENTS TO THE ABSTRACT:**

Please amend the Abstract as follows (a revised Abstract is attached):

~~The present invention provides an~~An economical process for producing a milk-added coffee beverage with an enhanced flavor in a process for producing a milk-added coffee beverage produced through a step of heat sterilization of coffee and milk as the main raw materials; ~~The process includes comprising~~ adding a strongly basic substance and/or basic amino acid to the coffee component and conducting the heat sterilization after the milk component is admixed to the coffee component; ~~whereby coagulation~~Coagulation at the step of admixing milk component is prevented and precipitation which tends to arise after the heat sterilization is prevented with the use of a much smaller amount of emulsifier and thickening agent.